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In re Application of:
Kia Silverbrook et al
Application No. 09/575, 116
Filed: May 23, 2000

For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
DELIVERY OF A GREETING CARD**

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: DECISION ON PETITION
: TO MAKE SPECIAL
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This is a decision on the petition to make special filed on May 23, 2000, under MPEP 708.02 V: Environmental Quality and MPEP 708.02 VI: Energy.

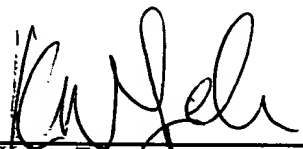
A petition to make special under the Manual of Patent Examination Procedure (hereinafter "M.P.E.P.") §708.02 V must be accompanied by a statement by a registered practitioner, assignee, or applicant explaining how the invention materially enhances the quality of the environment of mankind by contributing to the restoration or maintenance of the basic life-sustaining natural elements, i.e., air, water, and soil. A petition to make special under M.P.E.P. §708.02 VI must be accompanied by a statement explaining how the invention materially contributes to the discovery or development of energy resources or the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources. No fee is required.

The petition was accompanied by a declaration by applicant explaining how the claimed invention for delivering of a greeting card via a computer system would conserve energy sources and maintains natural elements by *potentially* reducing the use of paper. These statements do not explain how the specific invention *directly* contributes to the restoration, maintenance, development, conservation, and more efficient utilization of the basic life-sustaining natural elements and energy sources as required.

Accordingly, the petition is **DENIED**.

Should petitioner desire reconsideration, he/she should supplement this petition by a declaration or statement giving the information as outlined above. Any request for reconsideration must be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this decision.

The application file is being forwarded to the Technology Center's Central Files area to await examination in due course.


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